

St. Jerome Church

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3, 2019

Mardi Gras 2019: Thank you for Great Friends,
Great Food, Great Music and a Joy-filled House!

5550 Thornburn Street Los Angeles, CA 90045
www.stjeromelax.org 310-348-8212

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday 8:30am-noon; 1pm-4:30pm
Friday - 10am-1:30pm

SCHEDULED SERVICES

Daily (Mon-Sat) Mass - 8am

Sunday Masses - 5:30pm (Vigil), 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 5:30pm

Confessions - Friday 9-10am and Saturday 4-5pm

Holy Hour - Wed. 8:30am Novena and Benediction &

Wed. 6:30pm with Our **Lady of Perpetual Help** prayers at 7pm

Rosary - following 8am daily Mass

Cenacle of **Our Lady**—Thursday 1:15pm

First Friday- Eucharistic Adoration follows Mass, Benediction at 10am.

Rectory Staff

Our Pastor: Fr. Bill Bolton 424-543-4681

Associate Pastor: Fr. Valentine Ibe 424 209-9961

Our Deacon: Senior Deacon Guy and Helene Wauthy

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Scheduling Services (310-348-8212)

Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory

Baptisms: Must call rectory 6 weeks in advance to schedule

Communion to the Sick and Homebound: call the rectory

Funerals: contact the rectory to set date and time

Anniversaries, Quinceañera, Memorials: call the rectory

Weddings - Call the rectory 6 months in advance to set the date.

Education and Fellowship

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Ijeoma Oti 213 841-6775
sjlaconfirmation@gmail.com

Youth Ministry (Teens) and Confirmation

Religious Education and Sacramental Prep for Children

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA): 310-348-8212

St Jerome's Catholic School (pre-K to 8th gr): 310-670-1678

www.st-jeromeschool.org Principal: Mr. Tom MacDonald

SCRC Prayer Mtg (7pm Fri): Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Senior Center: (ext. 314) Allene Muccia 310-216-7354

Sunday School for Toddlers (11am Mass): Obi Nwabuzor

Tuesday Evening (7:30-9pm) Bible Study:

Alan Bernstein 310-645-5355 or Steve Picard 310 487-2724

Parish Organizations

Catholic Daughters: Kathy Fitzpatrick 310-703-2519

Knights of Columbus: Tony Holloway 323-295-4287

Knights of Peter Claver: Devron Carter 310-256-0101

Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: Bonnie Hall 323-295-2432

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Morris Bernstein 310-908-9204

Life, CHARITY, Justice & Peace Ministries

Creation Sustainability Jacqueline Welsh 310-283-8258

Detention Ministry (Restorative Justice):

Mr. & Mrs. Muoneke 323-294-1940

Food Pantry LAX: Johnny Albano 310-641-8871

Immigration: Noreta Jose 310-367-6557

Respect Life: Louise Meehan 310-641-0842

Safeguard the Children: call the rectory 310-348-8212

Voice in the Wilderness Tom Lenert 310-649-3245

Soup Kitchen (Every 3rd Sat.): Jude Ramlochan 310-348-9380

Our mission is to SHARE God's message with all people, to OFFER support to those in need, to PROMOTE Christian values and commitment to the family, to FOSTER a loving and welcoming environment enriched by culture and age diversity, and to DEEPEN spiritual growth through sacraments, prayer and service.

From Fr. Bill

Lent comes from the old English word "Lencten" which means "springtime." These were the weeks approaching the spring equinox (usually on or very near March 20th) when the ground softens, soil is prepared, seeds are "sown" and the spring crops begin pushing forth from the soil.

Lent was a season of preparing. Lent was a season of growth. Lent was the season of work with hearts set on the harvest which will follow. It is a time to sink our roots deeper, fertilize, prune and stretch out toward the life-giving Son.

These farming communities would have easily understood parables such as this (Luke 13: 7-9): " 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?'

He (the gardener) said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

Lent is the time for us to be more intentional about being connected with Christ as our being connected with Christ will lead me to bear fruit. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

The fruit which is produced is described by St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

During this season of Lent we will have the opportunity for both personal and community growth... the opportunity to prune and bear fruit which will endure.

Here is my spin for this year on prayer, fasting and almsgiving as essential tools for pruning, planting, and fertilizing.

1. PRAYER: Pray with others and pray for others
Knowing that others are praying with you and for you can be both moving and encouraging. It helps them know that others do care. We can also assist them by asking God to strengthen and equip them for the good works He has prepared for them to do. After all, God has a purpose and a part for each of us in helping build His Kingdom.

2. FASTING: Make yourself available
We're all busy with traffic, work, family and with things which seem to involve a cell-phone, television or computer. We need to choose to fast from idle things which can too easily consume our energy and time. (Perhaps becoming an idol?) The most precious gift we have and can offer is the

gift of our time and presence. Bearing fruit requires our choosing to somehow make a difference in the life of another. It could as simple as going out for coffee and listening to them. We can volunteer with others to help with our church spring cleaning. I can make time to introduce myself to the person I see so often at services or that new person who might be praying with us for the first time. How can I make someone else's life more worth living today? Especially within my family! Sometimes a greeting and smile can make all the difference... but I need to be available to do this.

3. ALMSGIVING: Highlight the good in other people
Gossip is when we look down on someone else and focus on making them seem less than. Yet, people are only able to give of their best when they feel they have something worthwhile to give. When we help raise up our brothers and sisters, taking time to point out their strengths with them as well as others (helping them to see the good), we give them encouragement to sink their roots deeper and to stretch out their branches to where God is calling them. They can make a difference. I have seen their light shining. A complement and praise can go a long way. We can help them to risk "setting out into the deep" to lower their nets for a catch.

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 6th. All are welcome to receive the blessed ashes on their foreheads as we remember the passing nature of this world and the invitation to be transformed by the gospel. (Please note that our 7pm has filled the parking lot these last few years. Seats are available but I suggest you arrive early or be prepared to walk.)

On **FRIDAYS OF LENT** we will offer a Lenten Supper from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. The proceeds from these meals will go to Catholic Relief Services and their Operation Rice Bowl. At 5pm you can join with us in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Stations of the Cross and Confession will also be available at 7pm.

On **WEDNESDAYS** we have adoration time before the Blessed Sacrament in the morning following Mass with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena, and at 6:30pm with Adoration concluded with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayers at 7pm.

On **SATURDAY, MARCH 16th**, following the 8am mass and ending by 11am we will be having our Church Spring Cleaning.

On **THURSDAY, MARCH 28th**, we will be having a special presentation on using prayers which Jesus himself prayed: the Psalms. It will be from 7:30pm to 9pm in the Parish Hall.

On **SUNDAY, MARCH 31st**, we will be having a special service to pray for the lost... be they sheep or prodigal sons the Good Shepherd and Forgiving Father are seeking.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019**. We would like to invite you to make this Lent a time of real spiritual growth for your family and our parish community. **Ashes will be distributed at each Mass after the homily at 8:00am, 12 Noon and 7:00pm. We will also have blessed ashes at the Rectory Office for you to receive during the hours of 9am to Noon and from 1pm to 5:00pm.**

We have the **MAGNIFICAT LENTEN COMPANION 2019** booklets available **on the Welcome Table** at the front entrance of the Church. **The cost is \$2.**

Operation Rice Bowl



On **Ash Wednesday** we begin the Operation Rice Bowl Program in which we pray, make sacrifices and give as generously to help our brothers and sisters around the world who need our care. The Lenten bowls will be given out on Wednesday, so that we can learn more about the people who benefit from this program.

Lenten Supper Fridays!

Please join us for Friday Dinners during Lent to gather together and support "Operation Rice Bowl." The meals are sponsored by different groups within our parish. While there is not a set fee for the meal, **any donation will be great appreciated** and will go to support the Operation Rice Bowl Fund.

See you this Friday, March 8th, in the parish hall from 5:30pm to 6:45pm!

Stations of the Cross And Confession



The Stations occur every Friday during Lent at **7:00pm** in the church. Different groups will present special themes for each of these Fridays.

Confessions will be heard during Stations from 7pm to 8pm. If scheduled confession times don't work for you, you may call the to schedule an appointment.

Fingerprinting At St. Jerome

In compliance with Safeguard the Children program mandated by the USCCB, we scheduled a Fingerprinting session at St. Jerome on **Saturday, March 23rd, in the parish hall, 10am to 4:30pm**

This is a requirement for all staff and volunteers at both the church and the school.

Please remember to sign up by calling the rectory during business hours at 310-348-8212.

Last Weekend's Collection

Feb. 23rd and 24th, 2019: \$11,195.00 (Envelopes)

Feb. 24th and 25th, 2018: \$15,009.50 (Envelopes)

Senior Center

Monday, March 4th: 12-4pm Rosary, cards & social
The Senior Center will be closed from March 6th through March 20th! Please join us again on Monday, March 25th, 12noon to 4:00pm.

For more information, please call the Rectory Office at 310 348-8212.

What: Praying the Psalms—What Every Catholic Should Know About the Liturgy of the Hours

When: Thursday, March 28th, from 7:30pm to 9pm.

Where: The Parish Hall

Admission: A can of food to be donated to the the Food Pantry, LAX

Want a new way to pray? Learn a revered part of the Church's liturgical tradition that is still unknown to most Catholics. Using today's Evening Prayer as our starting point, we will pray together as we visit the history and theology, the challenges and possibilities of The Prayer of the Church.

Steve Picard earned an MA in Theology from Loyola Marymount University, and holds certification from the Catholic Bible Institute. He has facilitated the bible study program at St. Jerome for 20 years. As a member of the Catholic Bible Institute program team he trains parish bible study facilitators for parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Novena To Our Mother Of Perpetual Help



Every Wednesday morning immediately following the 8am Mass, you are invited to spend time in Adoration and Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help. The novena is intended to ask for a particular favor or blessing or to give thanks for blessings received.

For those who can't make it in the morning, we also have it in the evening at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY: Our next dinner is Friday, March 8th and every following Friday during Lent.



Enjoy our traditional fresh Alaskan Cod or Shrimp, delicately deep fried in a light batter, with either a baked potato, French Fries or Onion Rings along with Cole Slaw and a Roll. **Adults are \$12.00 & children \$8.00.** Dinner served between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Take-outs available. Hall is located at 8049 W. Manchester Blvd. 310.821-2324

The Shack-A Lenten Cinematic Retreat by Sr. Nancy Usselman on **March 16, 2019—9:30 to 4pm, followed by Mass.** Sister Nancy will lead a retreat on a journey inward using the film, **The Shack**, as well as Scriptural reflections, sharing, and prayer. **Pauline Books & Media**, 3908 Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230. **Donation \$30 includes lunch. RSVP 310-397-8676 or email culvercity@paulinemedia.com.**

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANTS

Sat. 03/02—5:30pm FB Eugenia Kaczmarczyk &
Daisy Juntado (M)

Sun. 03/03—7:30am SJ Esther Ochoa (SI)
9:00am FB St. Jerome Parishioners (SI)
11:00am FV Lourdes Flores (SI)
5:30pm FP Connie Harris (M)

WEEK DAY MASSES

Mon. 03/04—8:00am FV Kay Leppert Cabrera (SI)
Tues. 03/05—8:00am FB Wally Olson (M)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed. 03/06—8:00am FV Julie McClean (M)
12 noon FB Daniel Flores (SI)
7:00pm FB Garrett Watt-Evans (SI)

Thurs. 03/07—8:00am FV Raymundo David &
Marco Aban (M)

Fri. 03/08—8:00am FV Monica Flores (SI)
Sat. 03/09—8:00am FV In memory of our
Beloved Dead (M)

CELEBRANTS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND
Vigil 5:30pm FV 7:30am FB, SJ, 11am FV, 5:30pm FB
Fr. Bill (FB) Fr. Valentine (FV) Jesuit Priest (SJ) Guest (FG)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Darlene Bejnar	Mark Bejnar	James Bennett
Senen Blanco	Vincent Butt	Robert Buchanan
Bobbie Campbell	Josephine Cullison	Rorrie de la Vega
Elizabeth Ezeana	Chris Ezeokoli	Kathy Fitzpatrick
Lordes Flores	Anne Gingris	Hank Grady
Miguel Garcia	Baby Colby Holen	George Koury
Frances Lalan	Mark Ludwig	Bob Migneault
Jerry Neubauer	Angela Parks	Chela Perez
Dorothy Polk	Sam Quatto	Betty Spindler
Kondra Tapia	Sandra Walker	Sr. Pauline Daries
Germaine Nickels-Chau	Sr. Betty Nickels, O.P.	

Deceased

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of

Betty Brady

May she rest in peace



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You are invited to pray the Holy Rosary
after each 8am Mass and Sunday 5:30pm
Mass in the church. On Thursday at
1:15pm we meet in the church to pray the
Cenacles. Pease join us!

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server:	Rectory Office	310-348-8212
Eucharistic Min.:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474
Hospitality:	Joyce Holt	310-649-5586
Lectors:	Cathy Fitzpatrick	310-337-6929
Music:	Jim Drollinger	310-617-2465
Ushers:	Tina Gustavson	310-649-1474

St. Jerome School

St. Jerome School is accepting applications for Pre-K, Transitional K & Grades K thru Grade 8. Applications may be downloaded from our website or you may visit the school office to pick one up.



Visit www.stj-jeromeschool.org
or call 310 670-1678.

Congratulations to the School



Raffle Winners!

1st place prize for \$2,500.00: Carolyn Vidaurn

2nd place prize for \$1,500.00: Anthony and Oscar Moller

3rd Place Prize for \$1,000.00: Lola McAlpin

Thank you for your generous donations!



Coffee and Donuts

The Soup Kitchen Ministry will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the Sunday morning masses. Come join us! the hall!

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St. Jerome Monthly Soup Kitchen

Our next meal will be on **Saturday, March 16th;**
from 10:30am to 12 noon.

If you wish to donate funds, kindly leave your donation at the Rectory, or send a check to St. Jerome, 5550 Thornburn St. Los Angeles, CA 90045. Note Soup Kitchen Funds in the memo section of your check. **Thank you!**



The Religious Education Congress

Three days of adult education will enrich and revitalize you! **March 22-24 Anaheim Convention Center.** All are welcome to attend! If you have never attended before, you are assured of a wonderful experience. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the LA Archdiocese, the Congress offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment. More than 300 workshops - from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis - plus morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of midday and evening concerts.

**Register at www.RECongress.org or
Call 213-637-7348.**